wards provident fund by an employer a cognisable offence;

(b) if so, what are the details thertof;

(c) whether Government also propose to detail with such defaulters in some other ways; and

(d) if so, details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Offences relating to default in payment of contribution by the empoyer is already cognizable offence under section 14-AB of the Employees' Provident Fund and Misc. Provisions Act, 1952

(c) and (d) Cases of default are dealt as per provisions of EPF & MP Act, 1952. The administrative and penal provisions include levy of damages extendng upto the amount of arrears recovery proceeding including attachment and sale of property and prosecutions in Courts of Law.

Committee on non-payment of provident fund contribution

842. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Committee constituted to go into the massive default of Provident Fund payments has proposed some measures;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take some steps to implement these measures to reduce mounting recoveries of Provident Fund;

(d) if so, details thereof and if not the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Committee has also made some other recommendations;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether Government propose to take some steps to implement these recommendations; and

(h) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (h) The sub-committee of the Consultative Committee of Parliament for the Ministryy of Labour has made certain recommendations for expediting recovery of the EPF & ESI dues. The major recommendations inter-alia relate to making non-payment of the EPF|ESI dues a non-bailable offence, non-payment of the employer's share a criminal breach of trust; deposit of 75 per cent of the amount as compulsory before the employer seeks judicial intervention; setting up of specia courts etc. The Government ha decded to have the report first considered by the ESI corporation and the Central Board of Trustees; EPF.

Implementing the Code of Wages

843. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to have a uniform code for wages throught India;

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the total number of organised and unorganised labourers in India; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to rectify the social inequalities among labour classes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) The issue of formulating a uniform national wage policy has been considered by the several bodies in the past. It was considered that such a policy in the sense of uniform minimum moneatry remuneration for tht country as a whole is neither feasible nor desirable.

(c) The distributions of workers in the organised and un-organised sector was not collected during 1991 census. The detajls are available

only by rural and urban residence. According to the 1991 census, the number of main workers are 222 millions in the rural area and 64 millions in the urban area.

(d) The Government have taken a number of steps to rectify the social inequalities among labour classes. These include effective implementation of legislations such as Minimum Wages Act, 1948; provision of housing medical; educational and recreational facilities under various welfare schemes, organisatich of special eductional programmes through Central Board for workers Education, encouraging action oriented projects through voluntary organisations, etc.

Serongth of National Trade Unions

844. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the process of verification of the the strength of respective National Trade Unions was undertaken in 1989;

(b) why the verified figures have not been published so far inspite of commitment in Parliament; and

(c) what action is contemplated against individuals and agencies that have delayed and denied verified figures all these years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) At the 29th Session of the Indian Labour Conference held on 21st and 22nd April, 1990 it was decided to undertake verification with 31.12.89 as the date of rechoning. The process of verification of membership of Central Trade Union Organisations (CTUOs) started in June. 1992, after the recipt of chaims and objections from the CTUOs. The results of the verification membership of the CTUOs have been processed according to the agreed procedure adopted by the Standing Committee of CTUOs. The Chief Labour Commissioner (Central) and Chairman of the Standing Committee has aldeady requested the CTUOs to collect the provisinal results either on 4th or 5th August, 1994 and point out error/ommissions, if any within a period of one month for rectification. These will be considered by the Standing Committee of CTUOs for finalisation of the result of the vertification.

Recovery of dues of Provident Fund

845. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of Provident Fund dues as on the 1st of February, 1994 in the city of Bombay;

(b) what are the details of the oldest case of arrears;

(c) how much arrears were recovered during the year 1993-94; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to recover the dues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P A. SANGMA): (a) Rs. 1290.99 lakhs.

(b)

Name of Establishment	Period of default	Amount in default
M/s. Saksaria Cotton Mills	2/66 4/66 to 10/67	8.49 lakhs

(c) Rs 183.90 lakhs.

(d) To recover the dues EPF Organisation conduct recovery proceedings, levy damages and file necessary prosecutions under the EPF and MP Act and the Indian Penal Code.

बोनस के भुगतान के लिए सीमा में वृद्धि करना

846. **श्री अन्नतराय देवशंकर रवे :** क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार बोनस के भुगतान के लिए वर्तमान 8.33 प्रतिशत में वृद्धि करने और सोलह सौ रुपये की निर्धारित सीमा में वृद्धि करने का विचार रखती है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?